THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Site for I.I.T. in Assam

236. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the proposed I.I.T. in Assam;

(b) whether the site for the Institute has been selected and finalised by Government; and

(c) if so, by when it will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The site for the IIT in Assam has been selected in North Guwahati in consultation with the State Govt. A Notification for acquisition of the land for the proposed site has been issued by the State Govt. The Institute is likely to be set up within 2-3 years.

Installation of computers in Election Commission

237. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that computers have been introduced in the Election Commission of India office;

(b) if so, whether clearance from the Naitonal Informatics Centre has been obtained for procurement of the computers from an outside agency;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the total amount payable to the agency for consultancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It was not considered essential to obtain clearance from the National Informatics Centre in this regard.

(d) The total cost of the project is Rs. 17.30 lakhs. In addition, a sum of Rs. 75,000/- per month is payable to the CMC Ltd., a Government of India undertaking, for the management of the facility upto March, 1992.

Setting up of units of Botanical Survey at Solan and Hyderabad

238. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had issued orders on 11th September, 1984 conveying the President's sanction for setting up of units of Botanical Survey of India at Solan in Himachal Pradesh and at Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether those orders have been carried out; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The said orders were issued in the last year of the Sixth Plan period. However, due to the ban then in force on creation of posts, the orders could not be implemented. The proposal was considered again for inclusion in the Seventh Plan, at which time a decision was taken that no new Circle Office would be created till the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) had prepared a full Master Plan for the next 15-20 years. These orders were subsequently issued on 21-9-87, in which the objectives of the BSI have been redefined and targets to be achieved by 2000 AD

have been spelt out. According to these orders, the Northern Circle of BSI will cover Himachal Pradesh and other States in North India and the Southern Circle of BSI will cover Andhra Pradesh and other States in South India. In view of this, the plan to set up units of the BSI at Solan and Hyderabad was dropped in the 7th Five Year Plan.

Experimental Garden at Itanagar

239. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Botanical Survey of India has acquired 124 acres of land at Itanagar for developing an experimental garden; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard including the future plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Botanical Survey of India has purchased 124 acres of land at Itanagar from Government of Arunachal Pradesh. The land is being used for the Experimental Garden and also for construction of office building etc. Rare and endemic species of plants and their germplasm would be conserved and multiplied with a view to propagate them and to rehabilitate them into their wild habitats.

Signatures of ex-envoys, scholars etc. for supporting a political party

240. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in The Times of India, New Delhi Edition of the 5th June, 1991 about a statement reportedly signed by ex-envoys, scholars, etc. offering their support to a particular political party;

(b) if so, whether the Statement included signatures of two officials holding high posts in the Department of Culture;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government regarding the alleged involvement of Government officials in the affair; and

(d) the action, if any, taken by Government in the case?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Implementation of new education policy

241. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answers to Starred Question 230 and Unstarred Question 1191 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1991 and state:

(a) what is the number of members of the Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education constituted to review the implementation of the New Education Policy; and

(b) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Committee comprises sixteen members including the Chairman, and three permanent invitees.

(b) The Committee is required to submit its report within two months from the date of its meeting. The first meeting of the Committee was held on 27th August, 1991.

Non-implementation of transfer guidelines by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

242. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the transfer guidelines for the teachers and Principals